

Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act Commission

Minutes of December 12, 2005 Meeting
Rm 305, Legislative Office Building, Concord, NH
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members Present

Interest Represented

House of Representatives
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NH DES
Office of Energy and Planning
Regional Planning Commissions
NH Lakes Association
At large waterfront owner
NH Farm Bureau Federation
NH Home Builders and Remodelers
UNH (estuary experience required)
NH Association of Realtors
NH Municipal Association
NH Rivers Council
NH Timberland Owners
Landscaping Consultant
NH Marine Trades Association
NH Wildlife Federation
NH Waterworks Association
NH Natural Resource Scientists

Representative

David Currier
Michael Whalley
Rene Pelletier (designee)
Benjamin Frost (designee)
Robert Snelling
William Smith PhD
Michele Grennon
John McPhail
Joe Landers
Jeff Schloss
Tom Howard
Carol Granfield
Kathryn Nelson
Tom Hahn
George Pellettieri
Paul Goodwin
James Kennedy
Stephen Del Deo
Cindy Balcius

Members absent

Senate
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At large waterfront owner
NH Conservation Commissions
NH Attorney General

Carl Johnson
John Gallus
Eric Herr
Diane Hanley
Jennifer Patterson (designee)

Others in Attendance

Representing

Staff

Name

D. Forst

10: 10 am

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Currier.

Rep. Currier introduced Dan Sundquist of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

Mr. Sundquist delivered a presentation on the development trends that the Society's studies showed were affecting NH and the forest losses resulting from those trends. Mr. Sundquist was able to show patterns of development since 1962 for the protected Shoreland of both Bow Lake, in Northwood/Strafford and Cobbett's Pond in Salem.

Jody Connor, NH State Limnologist, finished the presentation with a discussion on the water quality trend on those 2 waterbody over the same period. While one pond appeared to be stable the other was in decline.

Ms. Forst followed with a presentation describing the enforce activities, particularly focused on the number of complaints received and the rates of resolution of files. The presentation also addressed the workload associated with the issuance of waivers and variances.

Jeffery Blecharczyk, Shoreland Enforcement Coordinator, described 2 particular cases to the Commission with a breakdown on the number of man-hours necessary to reach resolution and the ability to successfully pursue restoration and fines.

Rep. Currier thanked the speakers and asked if the Commission Members had thoughts on the topic for the next meeting.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he would be interested on hearing the experiences of local officials relative to dealing with the CSPA.

Mr. Snelling stated that he would also like to hear a local perspective on how the Act is administered.

Ms. Granfield stated that in her town, Meredith, they were stricter than the state in but the state had made recent changes and now people needed both town and state approvals and the process was long and confusing. She stated that she had contact with various other town planners and code enforcement officers and that she would be able to solicitor speakers from various towns to speak at the next meeting.

Ms. Forst suggested that she contact Sunapee and Wakefield since Sunapee had full jurisdiction over the CSPA issues in their town and Wakefield was one of the most active towns from the standpoint of local enforcement of the Act.

12:05 Meeting adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2006